

DETAILED ACTION

Application Status

Claims 1-12, 16-23 and 24-35 are currently pending in this application.

In response to a previous Office action, a final action (mailed on 11/29/2006), Applicants filed an Appeal Brief on 6/27/2007, and the BPAI Decision reversing the Examiner's position regarding scope of enablement under 35 USC 112(1st) rejections on 05/03/2011 is acknowledged. Claims 1-12 and 24-35 remain withdrawn as encompassing non-elected invention.

Claims 16-23 are under consideration and are present for examination.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Patrea L. Pabst, applicants' representative on 05/05/2011.

Cancel claims 1-12 and 24-35.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 16-23 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the

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issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Iqbal Chowdhury, whose telephone number is (571) 272-8137.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Mondesi, can be reached at (571) 272-0956.

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